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Senator Kelly Gebhardt, Chairman
Senator Bruce Tutvedt
Joint Select Committee on Reappraisal
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Re: FORESTLAND TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Senators Gebhardt and Tutvedt:

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to give testimony on our concerns with the reappraisal process of forestland in Montana. Attached is our recommendation for the seven member Forestland Taxation Advisory Committee per your request last Friday. Thanks again, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call. 406-892-7027 (direct line).

Flathead Valley



Sincerely,

Chuck Rody

Vice President & General Manager
F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Company



Member Since 1960

Proposal**Montana Forestland Taxation Advisory Committee (Group)**

Purpose: To help facilitate efficiency, credibility and acceptability of reappraisal efforts of taxation on private forest lands.

Membership (appointed by Governor):

Large non-industrial forest landowner - 1000 acres and greater (1)

Small non-industrial forest landowner - less than 1000 acres (1)

Large Industry forest landowner** (1)

Small Industry forest landowner** (1)

****Small Business Administration criteria to be used**

Forest Economist - Private/Academic/Government (1)

County Commissioner (1)

Member at large (1) - Accountant type knowledge & experience of Forestland Taxation

Coordination of the Committee and incorporation of advisory recommendations would be the responsibility of the Governors Office via the Department of Revenue.